



**State of Vermont
Department of Education**

Why the SECT Data Collection is Mandatory

The Student Educatory Course Transcript (SECT) data are being collected to meet the requirements under federal law that the State of Vermont agreed to follow in order to receive the Statewide Fiscal Stabilization Funds. Title IV Sec. 14005(d) of the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 required the Governor to agree that the state would meet the five assurances in the Act. The third assurance is “(3) IMPROVING COLLECTION AND USE OF DATA.—The State will establish a longitudinal data system that includes the elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871). The requirement to have a system that will match teachers to students and contain student-level transcript information on courses and grades earned can be found in the PL 110-69 Sec. 6401(e)(2)(D)(III) & (IV).

Please use the links below to access the text of these Acts.

American Recovery Act

http://www.recovery.gov/about/pages/the_act.aspx

America Competes Act (20 U.S.C. 9871)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2011-title20/pdf/USCODE-2011-title20-chap78-subchapIV-sec9871.pdf>